(*b*) what quantity of uncouponed Burma Rubber has been imported into India in the years 1936, 1937, 1938 and 1939 ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*)

1936	..	2375	tons.
1937	..	3065	,,
1938	..	2122	,,
1939 January to October		2118	,,

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken in the matter ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We are sparing no pains. Whenever there is an opportunity we are pressing the Government of India. In fact the Government is more vehement in this matter than the hon'ble member.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* What I want to know is what action has been taken by the Government of India.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That we do not know, unless they communicate to us.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* An agreement has been actually arrived at between the Government of India and Burma Government with respect to this matter. It may take some more time to come into effect. They are satisfied with their quota.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Can we hope that uncouponed rubber will not be imported from Burma any more ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We can hope for the best.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I do not know whether the Hon'ble Secretary has understood me correctly. There is in fact an agreement between these two Governments which agreement has to be suspended.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* That is what is being done. It is not a new agreement.

SILVER JUBILEE SCHEME—ASSIGNMENT OF HOUSE-SITES—COMPLETION OF

260. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the assignment of house-sites to 1,000 persons

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in different parts of the State under the Silver Jubilee Scheme has been completed ; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the negative, will the Government kindly explain the reasons for the delay?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) (*i*) In many cases the selected applicants withdrew their applications since the sites set apart happened to be either away from towns and labour centres; or

(*ii*) want of money on the part of the applicants to put up houses in accordance with the condition of the grant.

(*iii*) In some cases the present whereabouts of the applicants are not known.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether the applicants absconded after putting in the application?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* Some of them are not seen. They have to execute a kychit.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* What is the extent of the land?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* 10 cents.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Ten cents in the interior forests?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* In the best parts available.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* What is the nature of the land?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* On the way to Trichur for instance there is a hill abutting the road and I have assigned sites there. In Kunnamkulam town just opposite to the Kakkad palace there are sites. When such sites are not available we give them in the forest areas or exclusions.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* There also you give only 10 cents.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. For a house you must remember. It is a free grant.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Do the Government expect the people to go to forest regions for 10 cents?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* They apply for ten cents in those places.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Do the Government still maintain that the proposal is an enticing one?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* It was a free grant.

I was asked to find out places where they could be given. I have selected some places. 10 cents have to be given to all people irrespective of caste, colour or creed. The number selected is 1,000. The number actually assigned is only 620. The number actually occupied is 364. The number of houses that have been put up is 120. One by one they are coming. When the applicants have disappeared I have called for other applicants. I cannot manufacture sites. I can only give the best sites that are available.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Are these sites given in blocks?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* As far as possible they are given in blocks.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Will it not be better if these sites are given in different parts of the villages where there will be labour facilities.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* It will not always be possible. Of course they will also feel better placed in these regions if they are in a compact block. The Hon'ble Member Mr. Iyyu will bear witness to the fact that there is an excellent colony in Kunnamkulam in front of Kakkad palace.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: മലയിൻ പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്ന ഫ൦ സെൻറ് സ്ഥലത്തിനുവേണ്ടി അങ്ങോട്ട പോകുവാൻ ധാരാളം ആളുകൾ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുമൊ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* There are people still coming forward. The grant is in connection with the boon of His Highness the Maharaja. The provision is only for 10 cents each. I was asked to find out the sites. I select the best available sites. With reference to this particular scheme I have only got the power to select the sites. Apart from this general scheme I have got power to grant even 25 cents to poor people in deserving cases. If any proper application is forthcoming I shall consider the same.

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* A particular survey number is divided into 10 cents each and the applicants can take any sub-division they like.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is there any rule authorising the Diwan Peishkar to give free grants of land to people not belonging to the Depressed classes?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* To poor people of all classes I can give up to 25 cents. This extraordinary power has not been used either by me or by my predecessors except in exceptional cases. I should give my reasons in writing and submit it to the approval of the Government.

SIRKAR JENMAM LANDS OUTSIDE COCHIN—SALE OF

261. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state the result of the investigation into the possibility of the outright sale of Sirkar *Jenmam* lands outside the State?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

PADDY—AVERAGE PRICE IN KANNI, 1115

262. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the average price of paddy in the month of Kanni, in the Ernakulam and Mattancheri markets;

(*b*) what was the price of paddy in the other taluks during the same period;

(*c*) what is the price of paddy as published in the Gazette dated 18th Thulam 1115?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) The average price of paddy in Kanni was Re. 0—9—1½ in the Ernakulam market and Re. 0—9—3 in Mattancheri market.

(*b*) The price of paddy in the other Taluks during the same period was as follows.—

Mukundapuram	..	Re. 0—7—8¼
Trichur	..	,, 0—7—3¾
Talappalli	..	,, 0—7—3
Chittur	..	,, 0—8—9
Cranganur	..	,, 0—7—5¼

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